

SENATOR WILL: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, again I rise in opposition to the Preister amendment. Gaming is gambling, Senator Landis, there's no question about that. There's absolutely no question about that, and I'll state that for the record. I'm doing so right now. But the fact of the matter is that gaming is a term of art, as I stated before, that we use in our statutes right now. If we're going to revamp our statutes completely, then that's fine, let's do that via the means of a new legislative bill, the purpose of which, among other things maybe, is to do just that. Let's not do it piecemeal on Select File on this bill only. Let's change all of our statutes in the gaming area or the gambling area to use that term. And, frankly, the fact is this may or may not violate federal law. If it doesn't, that's fine. But the fact is why should we take that chance. We should not take that change at this point. If we want to...if we want to go in and do a comprehensive study of what the ramifications would be of changing references to gaming to references to gambling, then let's do that, but let's not do that on an amendment that's come in for the first time, at this point, on Select File. I urge your opposition to the Preister amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Preister, did you wish to withdraw your first amendment?

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I would like to withdraw that first amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, another amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Preister would move to amend. If I may read, Senator, I assume by inserting a new section, for purposes of this act the definition of gaming is gambling.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President, friends all. I appreciate the dialogue on this. I certainly thank Senator Landis for his assistance and also to Senator Hohenstein for his looking at it and clarification. I submit this amendment in a clearer form. Again, I apologize for the lateness and the crudeness of this, and I would offer it in your consideration. Again, it's language that's sanitizing to call an act that has consequences and has an impact on the lives of many people,